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HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS REPORT

EGG PRODUCTION
MAJOR VEGETABLE PRODUCTION

LOUISIANA EGG PRODUCTION

Layers in Louisiana produced 481 million eggs in 1999, up 1 percent from 1998. Layers on farms averaged 1.92 million head during the year, down 1 percent from the year earlier. Each layer averaged 251 eggs in 1999, 4 eggs more than the 247 eggs per layer in 1998.#

LOUISIANA CHICKEN INVENTORY

The December 1, 1999 chicken inventory totaled 2.63 million head, down 1 percent from the 2.65 million head from the previous year. The class breakdown and percent change from the previous year are as follows: hens and pullets of laying age (HPLA), 1.94 million head, down 3 percent; pullets 3 months old and older, and not of laying age, 295,000 head, down 38 percent; pullets under 3 months of age, 277,000 head, up 191 percent; and other chickens, 116,000 head, up 32 percent.#



CHICKENS: TOTAL NUMBER, VALUE PER HEAD AND TOTAL VALUE, DECEMBER 1, 1999 1/

STATE	NUMBER		VALUE PER HEAD		TOTAL VALUE	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	-----1,000 Head-----		-----Dollars-----		-----1,000 Dollars-----	
Alabama	16,068	16,132	5.20	5.40	86,388	87,113
Arkansas	23,500	25,773	5.10	5.10	119,850	131,442
Louisiana	2,650	2,630	2.50	2.80	6,625	7,364
Mississippi	11,009	11,076	5.60	5.10	61,650	56,488
Oklahoma	5,380	5,380	4.30	5.40	23,134	28,674
United States	425,045	436,326	2.69	2.65	1,143,835	1,154,840

1/Excludes commercial broilers.

ANNUAL LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION 1/

STATE	AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS		EGGS PER LAYER 2/		TOTAL EGG PRODUCTION	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	-----1,000 Head-----		-----Number-----		-----Million Eggs-----	
Alabama	10,885	10,649	230	230	2,507	2,450
Arkansas	14,721	15,189	220	228	3,233	3,458
Louisiana	1,925	1,915	247	251	475	481
Mississippi	6,776	6,759	230	232	1,555	1,569
Oklahoma	4,007	4,050	231	233	927	945
United States	312,035	322,322	255	257	79,690	82,707

1/Annual estimates cover the period December 1, previous year, through November 30, 1999. 2/Total egg production divided by average number of layers on hand.

Selected Vegetable Production - Louisiana with Comparisons

	Acres Harvested		Yield per Acre		Production	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
			-----Cwt-----		-----1,000 Cwt-----	
<u>Bell Peppers</u>						
Louisiana	380	320	190	170	72	54
United States	56,680	58,220	257	263	14,556	15,321
<u>Tomatoes</u>						
Arkansas	1,400	1,500	240	225	336	338
Louisiana	260	280	160	140	42	39
United States	121,710	131,680	268	270	32,628	35,492
<u>Watermelons</u>						
Arkansas	2,200	2,400	145	115	319	276
Louisiana	2,000	2,300	110	100	220	230
Mississippi	3,400	3,200	61	65	207	208
United States	169,390	175,960	218	235	36,974	41,325
<u>Strawberries</u>						
Arkansas	180	210	44	52	8	11
Louisiana	400	400	150	150	60	60
United States	45,230	45,560	363	398	16,397	18,126

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